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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**REMARKS/ARGUMENT**

This Response is filed in reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 1, 2005. Applicant elects the invention of Species I, comprising Figures 1-23B. The claims readable on these figures are identified as claims 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. It is submitted that claim 1 is generic and readable on all the species. Upon allowance of a generic claim, withdrawal of the election requirement is requested.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter covered in the non-elected claims.

Early and favorable consideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

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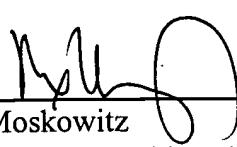
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